



British Columbia
Marine Mammal
Response Network

IF YOU SEE A DEAD OR DISTRESSED MARINE MAMMAL

Please call our hotline as soon as possible.

1-800-465-4336

Sightings of healthy whales, dolphins, porpoise or sea turtles should be submitted to the B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network: 1-866-I SAW ONE or www.wildwhales.org

CAUTION – STAY BACK!

Like all wild animals, marine mammals can carry a variety of diseases. Please keep your distance and wait for expert advice.

THREATS TO MARINE MAMMALS IN BC

There are 31 species of marine mammals in BC waters, nearly half of which are listed under the *Species At Risk Act* as Endangered, Threatened or Special Concern. In many cases, little is known about the environmental and human factors affecting marine mammals. There is a need to better understand the threats that they face in our waters (for example: vessel collisions, entanglements in debris and fishing gear, diseases, contamination, noise disturbance, and illegal disturbance).

PURPOSE OF THE BC MARINE MAMMAL RESPONSE NETWORK

We work toward the conservation and protection of marine mammals in BC waters. The BMMRN is a collaborative program between government agencies, research, conservation and outreach groups, wildlife rescue organizations and citizens. Together we respond to reports of dead, injured, sick, or harassed marine mammals. Our efforts assist animals in distress, support population recovery efforts and scientific research, as well as assist in reducing threats.



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